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## ECONOMICS

KIRK, ALICE GITCHELL. *Practical Food Economy*. Pp. v, 246. Price, \$1.25. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1917.

MACNUTT, J. SCOTT. *The Modern Milk Problem*. Pp. xi, 258. Price, \$2.00. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1917.

This is another one of the recent books dealing with sanitary phases of the milk problem. The book covers practically the same ground as is covered by *The City Milk Supply* by H. N. Parker. It is a general study with no special contribution. The chapters on the analysis of the sanitary aspects of the milk problem are well done. The chapter on the economic factors is superficial and does not even cover the secondary material available to the author. There is some valuable material in the Appendix on milk statistics, grading systems, the North system, costs and prices, and milk products. C. L. K.

NOURSE, EDWIN G. *Agricultural Economics*. Pp. xxv, 896. Price, \$2.75. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1916.

A more accurate title for this collection of valuable contributions would be *Source Book of Agricultural Economics*, since the author does not attempt to present what would commonly be looked upon as a textbook in the general principles of the subject.

The book covers practically the whole range of problems in agricultural economics, sometimes running over the line into economic history, technical or scientific agriculture, rural sociology, and indeed nearly every related field.

The author has selected from an extraordinarily wide range of original documents not only from every related field but from ancient to modern times. Some of the selections are from authorities of the highest standing and the quotations are standard, while others are selections from the agricultural press, bulletins, etc., and are at times of a popular nature. J. L. C.

PARKER, HORATIO M. *City Milk Supply*. Pp. xi, 493. Price, \$5.00. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1917.

Formerly Health Officer of Montclair, New Jersey, and lately Instructor in Municipal and Sanitary Dairying at the University of Illinois, the author has had rare opportunity for intensive work along the line of adequate protection of the milk supply to the consumer. The book on these points may be regarded as authoritative.

The book is not entirely satisfactory, either in its analysis of production costs or of distribution costs. Possibly this analysis is not to be expected under such a title. However, the author has undertaken to give some facts as to distribution costs which are not inclusive, and he has not used all the available sources in this field. But as to other topics which the author presumes to cover, the book is most inclusive and authoritative, and will be a most valuable record for all those interested in accurate facts as to sanitary milk, its production, transportation, and inspection. C. L. K.